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Henry Adleson spent time with his family at Head Lake Park in Haliburton at the Stories in the Park Fun Fair hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club last year. See page 4 for this year's lineup. /FILE

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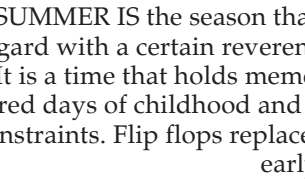

KAREN PHIPPS
Walter & Me

SUMMER IS the season that many Canadians regard with a certain reverence.

It is a time that holds memories of warm, unstructured days of childhood and a time free of certain constraints. Flip flops replace bulky boots, days dawn early and the sun sets late. It seems to be a season that lends itself to slowing down, taking in the glories of the day, and being present to bear witness to the beauty of the season.

While I love summer, I seem to have difficulty gearing down. Lately, I seem to be stuck in the rush gear and can't seem to adjust my mindset to the easy, breezy days of the season. I know that the days are to be savored, not to be overbooked; crammed full of tasks or to wish away the hours.

While Walter adds a frantic quality to most days, he also seems to possess a trait I may be lacking. Sometimes, he just wants to slow down. Some days he doesn't want to walk - he stops, digs in his paws and refuses to move. When I speak to Walter, I know he doesn't always understand my meaning, but he certainly gets my tone. I find myself saying things like, "Do you know how many dogs would love to be walking on this trail?" or, "This is what dogs are supposed to do, walk!" And when I have reached a point of frustration, I try, "I am the Alpha in this relationship, and I get to decide where and when we are walking!" I think we both have a little chuckle over that one.

However, as much as I try to tug and coerce, he just isn't having it. I think Walter knows when it is time to slow down, take a break, listen to his body, read the signs. When the sky is rumbling, seek shelter. When the heat and humidity are too much, chill, lie on the couch, stretch out on the bed, relax. When the rain is coming down, do what you need to do and then head for comfy quarters.

This week we slowed down. It was hot! Too hot to do great long treks. This was a week to move lightly, to take in the heat of the summer and appreciate the warmth of the sun. With this in mind, I wanted to explore an area that had fairly gentle terrain, an easy access point and was close to water. That led us to Harrington Park and the Minden White Water Preserve just outside of the village of Minden on Horseshoe Lake Road.

The White Water Preserve is privately owned by Whitewater Ontario and for a small fee has day use or overnight camping available. Harrington Park is on the opposite side of the river and is open to all as it is maintained by the township of Minden and has ample parking, washrooms and a few picnic tables. The walking paths are a bit rocky and rooty, and good shoes are helpful. The paths meander through the trees, never too far from the raging waters. There are many quiet reflective spaces at the water's edge to sit and enjoy the rapids, and if you are lucky you can watch as kayakers navigate the world class white-water of the Gull River. It truly is a beautiful spot to walk, reflect and just watch the water flow.

Minden White Water Preserve. /FILE

The noise of the water gushing through the narrow channel and cascading over and around rocks seems to help my brain change gears. The sound is consuming and movement of the water is captivating. There is something about the force of water that simultaneously challenges, enthralls and humbles you. It can pull you in and draw your thoughts to a halt; clearing a space for new ideas, visions, and thoughts.

The water's fearless dissent is juxtaposed by the calm water below. A sudden stillness in the sound, a calm in the chaos, a reminder to rest.

As I walked Walter around the waters and felt the cool mist around us; a break in the heat and humidity that had been draining us all so much lately, I suddenly felt the urge to just be, and enjoy the simplicity of summer.

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Volunteers help package meals at Community Kitchen, a SIRCH Community Services program that prepares nutritious dinners, soups and desserts that are distributed for free throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. The program is currently distributing 1,400 meals and 300 nutrient dense soups a month, all made at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery. Funds are needed to ensure this program continues, as Community Kitchen receives no government funding. /PHOTO Submitted

SIRCH: 35 years of putting community first

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Editor

SIRCH Community Services is celebrating 35 years of connecting and supporting community members in Haliburton County as a not-for-profit organization.

This year, they were able to carry out over a dozen programs thanks to their staff and volunteers.

"I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for SIRCH Community Services' incredible journey and evolution," said founder and executive director Gena Robertson in SIRCH's Annual Report. "Starting from a small office in Haliburton, our organization has grown exponentially."

Robertson has been the leader of SIRCH since the very beginning.

She thanked outgoing long-time board president, Barbara Fawcett, for her dedication to SIRCH as Fawcett retires from the role.

"Her steadfast leadership and deep connection to Haliburton County have been invaluable," Robertson said. "Her contributions will be deeply missed."

Their highlighted programs this year include School's Cool, Community Action Program for Children and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CAPC/CPNP), Repair Cafe, Share the Warmth, Community Kitchen, Lunch is On Us, Rally for Rhubarb, the Applesauce Project, the Last Chance Project, and provided Bancroft Community Transit bus passes.

They also operated the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery, the Mini Thrift Shop, and Thrift Warehouse in both Haliburton and Bancroft.

Twenty two children participated in the School's Cool program this year in Minden, helping prepare them for kindergarten this fall.

The CAPC/CPNP programs run weekly in Haliburton, Minden, and Lindsay. They supported 30 mothers and 45 children over the past year.

The Repair Cafe continues to be a success, diverting 76 items from the landfill thanks to handy volunteers.

Over 1,000 winter items were collected from the community and given for free to those who needed them through the Share the Warmth program.

Fifteen thousand meals were produced and distributed through the Community Kitchen.

Lunch is on Us gave 1,500 free lunches on Wednesdays, and live music filled the Bistro this year while it was served.

SIRCH collected Rhubarb from community members to be used in their Community Kitchen desserts, and the Applesauce Project included the collection of wild apples to be made into applesauce and apple crisp.

The Last Chance Project was new this year. Items that may have otherwise ended up in the landfill were restored and offered for sale at Thrift Warehouse.

"As we look to the future, I am confident that SIRCH will continue to thrive, making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve," Robertson said.

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Violet Montgomery-Preston plays at the SIRCH booth at the Stories in the Park Fun Fair hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club last year. /FILE

Haliburton & District Lions Club member Gail Stelter reads a story to the crowd.

Come to Stories in the Park Fun Fair

Here we go and grow again! It's the fifth annual Haliburton and District Lions Club Stories in the Park Fun Fair! This free fun summer event for children and families is taking place on Wednesday, August 28 from noon until 2 p.m. at Head Lake Park.

Come to play our fun fair games including bean bag toss, ladder ball or mini putt. And don't forget the fishpond, giant pick-up sticks and so many more.

There will be a new book for every child to take home, and our Story Tree is a special place to meet children's authors Danielle and Dina and listen to stories throughout the fair.

It's lunchtime, so a hot dog, drink, and popcorn are a must! Stop by the photo boards for fun photos of your children and pause at "What's Your Best Guess?" where the kids can guess how many candies are in the jars and come and paint a story. New this year are fun-filled parachute games and Gord Kidd and Friends Family Dance Party.

Community partners have become wonderful contributors to Stories in the Park as each group brings a unique activity and experience for the children. Returning this year will be the Dysart Fire Department; Haliburton Highlands Museum; Turtle Guardians; EarlyON Child and Family Centre; Haliburton County Public Library; Point in Time Centre for Children Youth and Parents; SIRCH; Big Brothers Big Sisters Kawartha Lakes;-Haliburton; and, media sponsors The Haliburton County Echo, The Highlander, Moose FM and Canoe FM.

All in all, this will be a community event to remember and a wonderful service project for the Haliburton Lions!

Submitted by Gail Stelter

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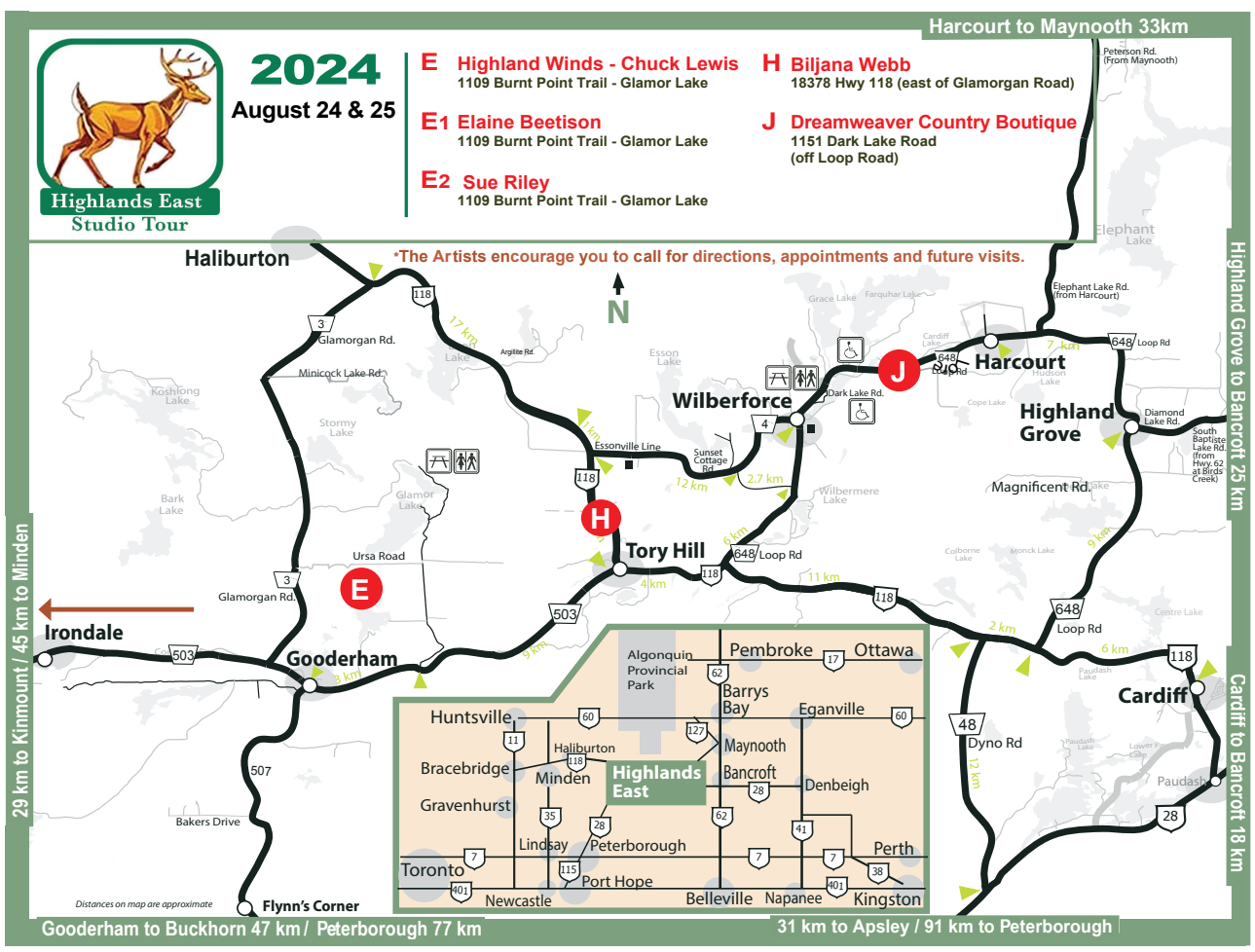

Thumbs up for Katie Woodward

Katie is a remarkable woman dedicated to helping the fight against childhood cancer. The Haliburton and District Lions Club is pleased to support her third annual ride in the Sick Kids Great Cycle Challenge. Lions Gail Stelter, Jim Frost, Ann McIvor, Marilyn Frost and Gerald Hadley met up with Katie on her ride to Haliburton Village. Katie reminds us that "cancer is the largest killer of kids in Canada." You too can donate to Katie's Ride. Her link is www.greatcyclechallenge.ca/riders/katiewoodward. Childhood Cancer initiatives are dear to the Haliburton Lions, and they are here to serve.

If you are a family for whom childhood cancer is a reality, please reach out to the Lions. Please contact Gail at gatesstelter@gmail.com. /GAIL STELTER
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Celebrating 80 years of Haliburton Rotary

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

There can be no doubt that there was a buzz in Haliburton on the first Tuesday in August. Even if you weren't in Head Lake Park, you might have still heard the music, seen the hot air balloon or spotted the countless happy kids filled with cotton candy fueled glee. Organized by Haliburton Rotary, Summerfest was the latest re-invention of a Haliburton tradition going all the way back to 1944.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of Haliburton Rotary making a difference in our community. The first organizational meeting for the club was held on March 3, 1944, at the village's Grand Central Hotel. By May 24, the group was ready for its charter meeting which was held at the Wigamog Resort. Club membership grew rapidly and within its first year, the club was already busy with fundraising and events. While today, many people locally may think of the club's annual car or truck draw, in 1944, the draw featured a cottage on Lake Kashagawigamog, which would be built by the club's members, and was set on a lot with 100 feet of lake frontage. Tickets cost 35 cents or seven for $2. In a thread that runs all the way down to today, the draw for the cottage was held at the club's first carnival and street dance which took place on Aug. 16, 1944. Taking over a portion of Highland Street, it featured "modern and old-time dancing" to tunes provided by Al Perrin and his band, as well as bingo and other games. There was even a prize given for the largest family in attendance – $1 for each member!

In addition to providing events which provided entertainment and enrichment within the community, Rotary's fundraising efforts in those early days provided support for a wide variety of causes, both locally and further afield. Funds from that first raffle and carnival were earmarked for children's causes and the War Services Fund, as WWII was, of course, still underway at the time. Rotarians helped with several health-related causes for children, including funds for clinics for children to have their tonsils removed or eyesight checked. Another impressive venture involved a mass tuberculosis screening clinic in which over 2500 people were x-rayed.

As time moved on, the early Rotary carnival morphed into an even larger event, featuring numerous rides, games and a parade, which many people have fond memories of watching or participating in. Rotary's support for local initiatives has touched such landmarks and attractions in town as the historic locomotive by the high school, the Haliburton Welcome Centre and Rotary Music in the Park. Rotarians are also stalwart supporters of other events in our community, ready to organize a barbeque or even a pumpkin roll for the fun of the community, all while also being part of the larger worldwide Rotary community, which includes over a million members in over 200 countries.

Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, was quoted as saying, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be rewritten again and again." While Haliburton Rotary has undoubtedly adapted and changed over the last eight decades, it has also stayed true to Rotary's ideals of service and community betterment, enhancing our community in countless ways. So, if you run into a Haliburton Rotarian this summer, make sure to wish them a happy birthday – here's to the next 80 years!

Top 10 things you never knew about butterflies

SUMMER IS the time for butterflies. They are a joy to watch and poetry in motion. Most of us know the basics about them. But here are the top 10 things you probably didn't know.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They were originally going to be called margarineflies.
2. They are pretty good at clapping.
3. They use double the deodorant due to having four arm pits.
4. Really bad at tennis.
5. Almost always ashamed of their awkward caterpillar phase.
6. Taste receptors on their feet mean they try to be careful in the dog park.
7. Have an inbred fear of nets, pins, and glass cases.
8. Favourite hobby is not sitting still for photos.
9. Long tongues make it especially insulting when they stick them out at you.
10. A group of butterflies is sometimes called a flutter, but not to their face.

Swimming

Silk of Lake cloaking my limbs, as they kick and glide beneath August Sky,
my eyes sealed shut, as I swim blind, feeling weightless and solid at the same time,
my limbs flapping like wings, as my lungs hold my Breath, breast stroking and kicking through the silence of water,
leaving the squawks of my thoughts, back there on the rocks, the splash my body leaves behind,
as I plunge into the cave of Lake, swimming, soundless, for as long as my lungs will let me,
feeling Alive, feeling free, 'till my Breath bursts out of the cage of my chest and I resurface,
my eyes blinking up at the bowl of blue Sky, flecks of seagulls flying by, their morning screeches greeting the Lake,
their flapping wings the last thing I see, as I gulp down pitchers of Air, before my head bobs back under again,
swishing like a fish beneath the surface, the water, warming, the longer I swim, my hands parting the folds of Lake,
as my lungs trap my Breath, longer this time, swimming, the only thing that matters, as I let my body lead the way,
listening to my lungs that pull me back up into Air and light again, blinking back at the rocks that have shrunk to stones,
the screeches of gulls goading me on, I am almost halfway to reaching the tiny island of pines,
that grows larger each time I resurface, as I float on my back to rest for a moment,
feeling light as a feather beneath the blueness of Sky,
untethered from my thoughts, just drifting in the water between the island and rocks,
Sun blazing down, as breeze grazes my cheeks, inhaling Air 'till they grow big as a blowfish,
and back under I sink again, into the cool, quiet space that surrounds me, floating in the darkness like before I was born,
my limbs wriggling underwater, as the Lake cradles me, resurfacing for the last time to swallow Air and light,
swimming the rest of the way, my head above water,
so my eyes can see the ring of rocks fringing the island, growing larger,
the pines, growing taller, the squawks of seagulls, louder, as they flap through Air above me,
my feet feeling the slipperiness of rocks as I stumble over them, leaving the weightlessness of Lake behind,
my feet gripping the edges of rocks, my limbs, wobbly, as if learning to walk,
dripping droplets of Lake onto the island, as I inhale Wind and Sky, slumping beneath a pair of pines,
gazing out across the Lake, as if I am seeing it for the first time, glints of diamond light winking on its surface,
Sun and Sky, painting it blue, the rocks on the shore, small as pebbles, where my squawking thoughts wait for me,
but I won't think about that now, as I lean my spine against a pine,
close my eyes and inhale the fragrance of breeze.

Sylvie Kalenda

Burlesque Ball sashays into Haliburton

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

On Friday, Aug. 23, Pinestone Resort will host the third ever Burlesque Ball as part of the Minden Pride programming. The first Burlesque Ball was held in 2020. The second Burlesque ball was held two years later in August of 2022 after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This will be the third time we have done it. We took a break last year, we have done it every two years," said Collin Burke, artistic director on the board committee of the Burlesque Ball.

"We brought the idea of having a party during the week of Minden Pride, that is how it began," said Burke.

The first year of the Burlesque Ball had no theme. Outfits varied and guests relied on individual taste and expression. In the second iteration, the Burlesque Ball was advertised with a Latin flair. This led many guests to wear bright and colourful outfits. This year, the theme of the Burlesque Ball is 'deco-dence'.

"That is the tagline we have added to it. We are trying to capture the 1920s or 1930s energy," said Burke.

In 2022, around 230 people attended the Burlesque Ball. The Burlesque Ball committee has big plans to surpass those numbers and make this year's Burlesque Ball the biggest, boldest, and most exuberant Haliburton County has ever seen.

"This year, what is different is that it is a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation," said Burke.

"From year one, it was a drag-based performance. This year it is an even wider cross section of performing arts and some visual arts. We are going to try out some other things this year," said Burke. "Above and beyond what the show costs to produce, the proceeds will go to the Arts Centre Foundation."

On Tuesday, June 25, Dysart et al council voted unanimously to give 14.5 acres of land to the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) to build an arts centre in Haliburton County.

This year, the Burlesque Ball is having sponsors assist with paying costs of the event and raising money for the HHACF. The HHACF will use these proceeds to complete re-zoning work for the gifted land, an environmental impact survey, a traffic survey, and other necessary steps before they are allowed to build. The total cost is estimated to total around $67,000. The association is currently hoping for funds from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to cover half their expenses, said Dan Manley, president of HHACF. A table will be present at the Burlesque Ball for anyone wanting to donate to the HHACF. Donations are also accepted through this link: hhartscentrefoundation.ca/donate. The HHACF is also looking for volunteers to assist with their board.

The proposed arts centre will have a large performance space with an orchestra pit capable of supporting orchestral performances, musicals, and theatrical events. The space will also have a smaller studio for intimate performances including interactive theatre events, lectures, exhibitions, and music performances, said Manley.

"We would love to have as many local groups use the arts centre as possible," said Manley. "We are looking for ways to check as many boxes as possible. We are very excited for the possibilities and the new land to jumpstart this project."

Thanks to a grant by HCDC, the Burlesque Ball has been able to hire more performers for the event than ever before. Performers include Devine Darlin, JD Blackmore, Thrasher, Titi Galore, Plum Vicious, and El Toro. Hendrika Sonnenberg and Chris Hanson from the Inconvenience Store will have an art installation on the premises for guests to visit.

Manley says that the drag performers are his favourite part of the Burlesque Ball.

"They are really sassy and funny. They just exude such confidence when they do their dance moves and their lip syncing. I just love their full confidence they have on the stage."

"There is nothing better than a large group of people celebrating, relaxing, and enjoying themselves. It is a bit unique for Haliburton County," said Burke. "People you may not see expressing themselves all the time, you can see them come out and do that."

"It is a celebration of performing arts and humanness. It is just a party. It is of fun inclusion and fantastic performers," said Burke. "This is a party, and I want people to come out and have a really good time. I am looking forward to this year. It is going to be different and there are lots of things to see and do. We are raising money for a fantastic cause this year," said Burke.

More than half of the available tickets have been sold and are selling quickly. Tickets for this year's Burlesque Ball are $45 per person and can only be purchased online through russelredrecords.ca.

The Burlesque Ball is held at the Pinestone Resort at 4252 Haliburton County Road 21. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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The Haliburton Sculpture Forest is excited to announce that Indigenous artist, Jared Tait will be leading, as our artist in residence, a community engagement art event. Community members are invited to participate in this free, drop in event, where they will learn about the woodland style of painting and create a number of three-dimensional woodland style figures which will be placed in the Sculpture Forest. The finished work will be unveiled on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. For more information visit: www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca or email: outreach@haliburtonsculptureforest.ca

Anniversary Celebration Corn Roast
Thursday August 15 at 6 p.m.
Red Cross Outpost Museum,
2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce
Join us for corn on the cob, hot dogs, cake and ice cream. This year's party features a special performance by the Wilberforce Loop Troup. Visit www.facebook.com/wilberforceoutpost or contact Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598 or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca for more information

Land Trust Discovery Days - Rock Walk II
When: Saturday Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: Barnum Creek Reserve
Join Geologist John Etches to discover the rich and diverse geology of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. This event was so popular in 2023 that participants requested a Part Two! New and interesting information will be shared during this rock walk. Admission by donation. Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Contact 705-457-3700

Outpost Scrabble and Coffee
When: Wednesday Aug. 21 starting at 10:30 a.m.
Where: Red Cross Outpost Museum, 2314 Loop Rd, Wilberforce
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Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598 or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca.

Old Times Afternoon Tea
When: Saturday, Aug. 24, 1:15 to 4 p.m.
Where: Red Cross Outpost Museum,
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The Wilberforce Heritage Guild is hosting a tea party. Enjoy old fashioned tea and sweets. Bring a friend and make new ones in a special place. Visit www.facebook.com/wilberforceoutpost or contact Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598 or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca

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Time: 11:30
Location: Up River Trading Co., Minden

MEET AND GREET
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashawagamog Lake Road

TUESDAY AUGUST 20TH

DRAG STORYTIME – MINDEN
Time:: 3:00 pm
Location: Minden Library

VOICE OF PRIDE ART EXHIBITION RECEPTION
Time: 5:00pm
Location: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21ST

YOUTH PRIDE DAY
Time: 11:00 -2:00pm
Location: Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton

QUEER COMEDY NIGHT
Time: 7:00
Location: Sir Sams Ski and Bike/ Eagle View

THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

DRAG STORYTIME – HALIBURTON
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Haliburton Library

QUEER TRIVIA NIGHT
Time: 7:00
Location: The Dominion Hotel, Minden

FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE
Time: 1:00-3:00
Location: Minden Cultural Centre

BURLESQUE BALL – DECO-DANCE
Time: 7:00pm **Location:** Pinestone Resort

SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

MAD HATTER TEA DANCE
Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm
Location: Hook Line and Sinker, Haliburton

SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

RAINBOW STREET FESTIVAL 2023
Time: 11:00 – 3:00pm
Location: Water Street

PRIDE RIVER PARADE
Time:12:00 – 1:00 launch
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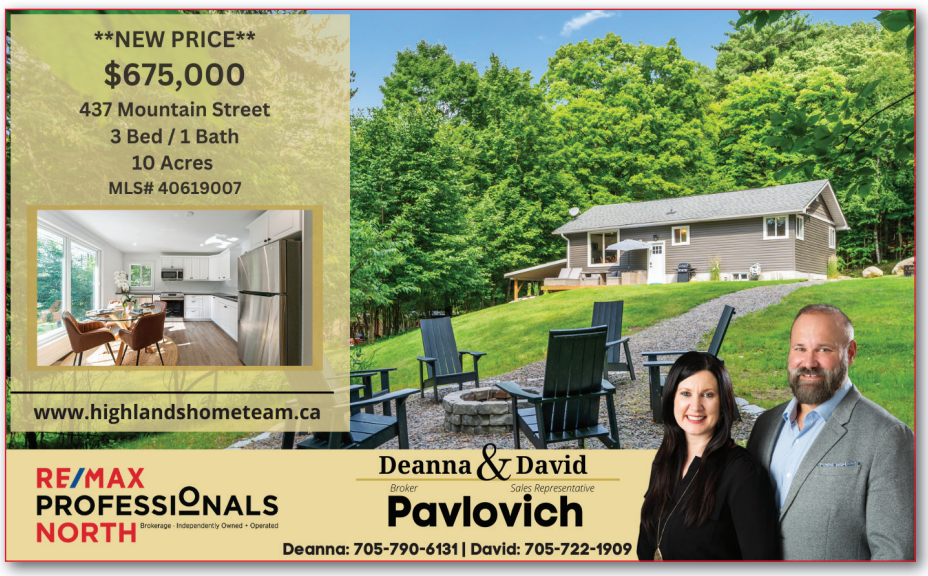

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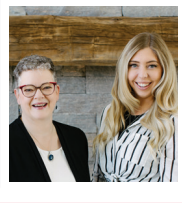

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A female hummingbird takes a drink. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

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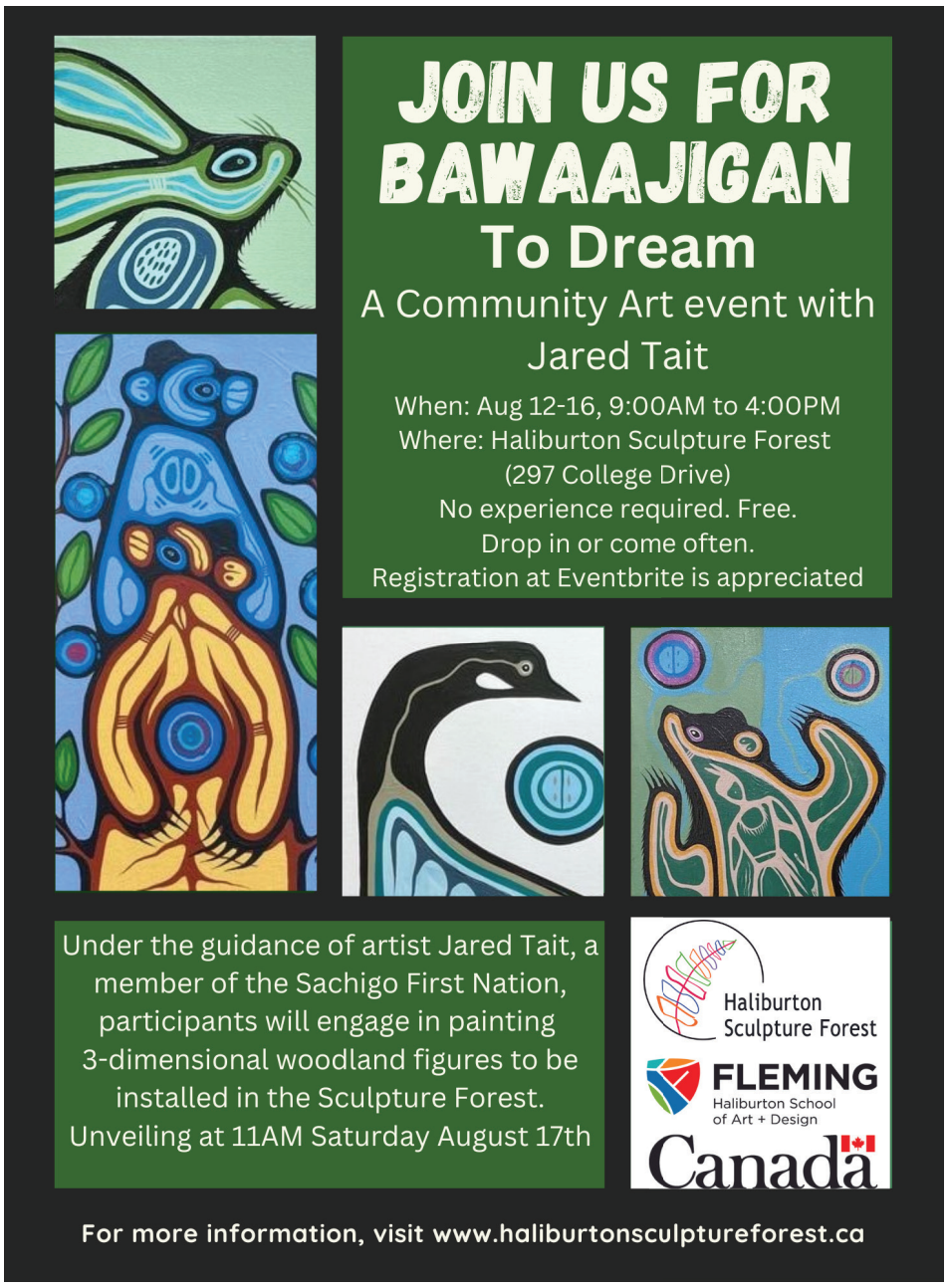
Three female mallards swim in a pond. /Submitted by Jill Moulton

A scavenging raccoon in the side of the road. /Submitted by Tammy Nash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Why: To provide a free community event for children and families; to give every child a New Book and a Fun Fair in the park.
Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton
When: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 ~ 12 to 2:00 pm
What Will It Look Like:
• Individual, low-impact, non-competitive games such as Bean Bag Toss, Mini Putt, Giant Pick-Up Sticks, Ladder Toss, Fish Pond and more!
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Towards old clay near Scarborough Bluffs
And from it thrived Canadians
Young boomers running barefoot wild
Until the streetlights urged us in
But after we had done the rounds -
Still shoeless - of our double lawns
We'd chase and capture, then release
White paper-moths which hovered low
Since in the radiance of dusk
On grassy ground the insects shone
Not bright like kindled fireflies
Which never in a jam jar could
We hold although we had toy nets

When tired from Tom Sawyer days
We'd eat whatever served on plates
Was placed on ironed tablecloth
Since mum and often dad still cooked
In ways their homegrown parents had
Because they'd bulked out tall and strong
So too could we on stove-cooked meals
Gain growing from their pots and pans
Then afterwards we'd hop from baths
To bedrooms and were kissed good-night

Allowed to read another hour
Three pillow pirates on alert
For special songs of darkness next
Those lullabies of faroff trains
Which crossed this country like the wind
Blown east or west, north-south as well
Harmonic whistles fell and rose
Suggesting storybook-ish loads
Of drifters, parcels, lumber, coal
Grain and ore and passengers
On ticktock tracks in tempo mild
Made most of us relax to dreams

But I, my nature, needed more
Consent to sleep, to letting go
Alert for something extra fresh
A living rhythm later still
Which I as eldest knew would stretch
Another hour, cadence set
To bedtime soundtrack bittersweet
My countdown to new pencils, dress
Laced shoes to squeak on classroom floor
My inside toes still stained from play
Tornado hair tamed by a brush
And to this day I still connect
One soulful cricket by my screen
To later summer, last hurrahs
It chitters to attract a friend
Or maybe to keep foes at large
For me it's August's brave salute
And dirge to clipping girlhood wings

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday, 1 p.m. Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month - $1000 jackpot, rest will be a $500 jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
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Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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Darts 2 p.m.
Thursday: Open 2 to 10 p.m., Horseshoes 7 p.m.
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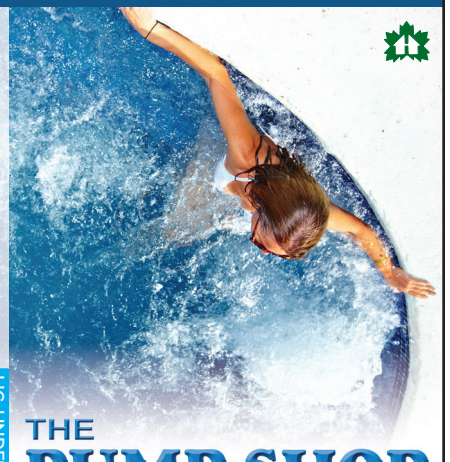

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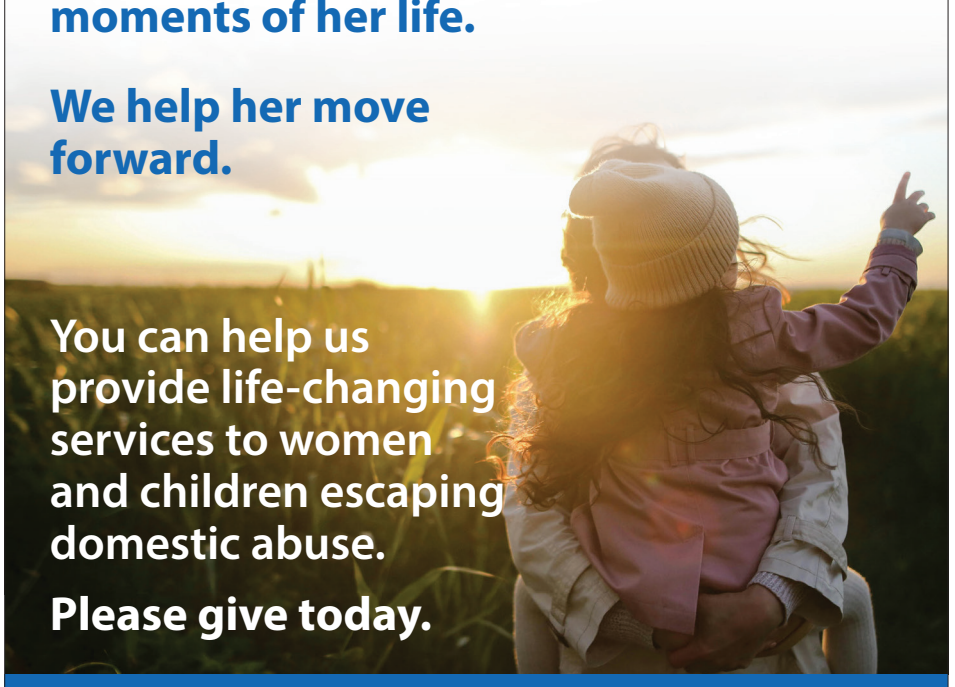

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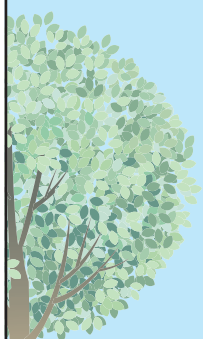

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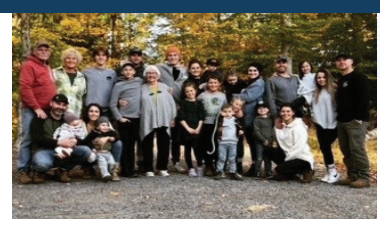

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Doing it for the kids

Darren Lum Echo staff

The train of hope continues to contribute for children with cancer as cyclists ride through the Highlands during the Tour for Kids ride. The event has raised more than $7 million since it started seven years ago. See the full story on page 24.

Drumming up support

Cross-country tour by Haliburton trio brings in more than $150,000 for a new school in Angola and there's more to come

Jenn Watt
Editor

Drumming eases the mind, touches the soul and can, when performed correctly, bring together communities separated by an ocean and about 11,000 kilometres.

Three of Haliburton County's most prolific drummers – Barry "Bazza" Hayward, Joe Truss and Christine Cullen, also known as the Abbey North Drummers – engaged towns, schools and churches across the country with the beat of their drums and the passion behind their cause: to rebuild a school in Dondi, Angola.

"There have been very few circumstances in my life that I have had that experience of easy community," Truss said of the welcoming nature that met the drummers as they moved from town to town raising about $200,000 and awareness of the project.

Through personal networks, the connections of the United Church of Canada and some pure happenstance, Truss, Hayward and Cullen made their way through 20 towns, playing 40 gigs in 37 days starting May 1.

(Hayward continued on, after returning to Haliburton, to play two weeks out east, bringing the tour's grand total to 40 communities and 50 events in 67 days.)

Their mission – titled the Dondi Project – was what got them through the hectic schedule.

"We couldn't afford to get hung up on how

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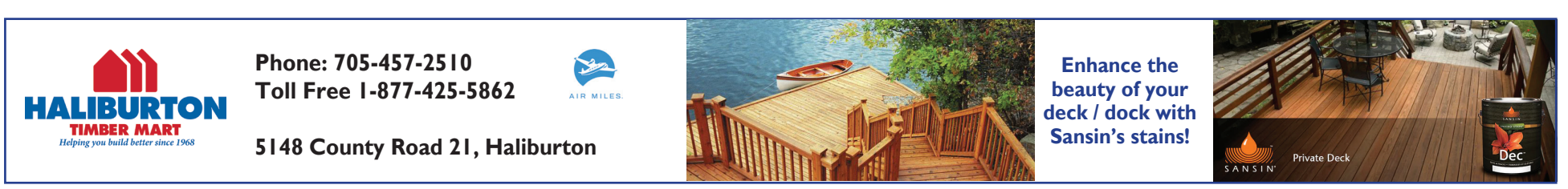

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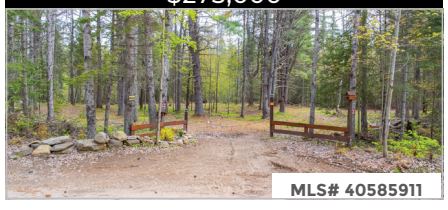
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